

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 110

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, which is hosting its 99th Anniversary General Convention on August 4 of this year; and

**WHEREAS**, The first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African-Americans, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, was founded at Cornell University in 1906 to serve as a study and support group for minority students who faced racial prejudice, both educationally and socially; and

**WHEREAS**, Fraternity chapters were soon established at other colleges and universities, many of them historically black institutions, advancing the organization's principles of scholarship, fellowship, good character, and the uplifting of humanity; and

**WHEREAS**, This prestigious organization counts among its members and alumni some of the most respected and eloquent voices for the advancement of civil rights; and

**WHEREAS**, With a theme of "The Gateway to 100," the 99th Anniversary General Convention takes place in Houston, and attendees will celebrate the vision and leadership the fraternity has provided to communities across our nation and its philanthropic endeavors on behalf of disadvantaged people around the world; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby commend Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, for 99 years of exceptional service; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the fraternity as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on July 18, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate